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SUBJECT: SAO REQUEST: POSSIBLE 212(A) (33) INELIGIBILITY

REFS: USBERLIN (A) 3246, (B) BONN 29633

- 1. VVISAS DONKEY
- 2. WAEGNER, HEINZ KARL PAUL
- JUNE 3, 1919
- RETIRED
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- B-1, B-2/1963
- AVLOS REFLECTS:
- WAEGNER, HEINZ
- 03JUN19 GER

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3. APPLICATION RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 21, 1987.
4. CONOFF INTERVIEWED WAEGLER ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1987.
WAEGLER HAD APPLIED FOR A VISITOR'S VISA TO TRAVEL TO
HONOLULU AND LOS ANGELES ON THE LAST LEG OF AN AROUND
THE WORLD TRIP HE WILL BE TAKING WITH HIS WIFE THIS
WINTER. WAEGLER WAS A MEMBER OF THE WAFFEN SS, FIRST
SS PANZER DIVISION, LEIBSTANDARTE ADOLF HITLER, 1ST
AUFKLAERUNGS ABTEILUNG, FROM SEPTEMBER 1939 TO THE END
OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

5. HE HAD A YEAR OF BASIC TRAINING (GRUNDAUSBILDUNG)
IN BERLIN FROM SEPTEMBER 1939 TO SEPTEMBER 1940. HE
SERVED IN GREECE FROM SEPTEMBER 1940 UNTIL THE
COMPLETION OF THAT CAMPAIGN, WHEN HE WAS SENT TO THE
RUSSIAN FRONT. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE HAD PERSONALLY
WITNESSED OR PARTICIPATED IN ANY ATROCITIES DURING HIS
SS SERVICE, HE RESPONDED THAT HIS UNIT WAS AN ELITE
CORPS AT THE VERY FRONT LINE OF BATTLE AND THE TROOPS
WERE HIGHLY DISCIPLINED. HE KNEW OF ONLY ONE INSTANCE
OF A MEMBER OF HIS UNIT ASSAULTING A CIVILIAN; A
SOLDIER RAPED A YOUNG WOMAN AND WAS IMMEDIATELY
ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED. PRISONERS OF WAR WERE ALWAYS
SENT TO THE REAR AND HE SAID HE NEVER SAW OR HEARD OF A
PRISONER OF WAR BEING EXECUTED OR MISTREATED BY MEMBERS
OF HIS UNIT.

6. FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE INVASION HE WAS SENT TO THE
WESTERN FRONT WHERE HE SUFFERED A BROKEN ARM AND
CONCUSSION AND SPENT FOUR WEEKS IN A MILITARY HOSPITAL
SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE. AT THE WAR'S END HE WAS IN
HUNGARY NEAR PLATTENSEE. HE WAS MARCHED TO WESTPHALEN
AND PROCEEDED TO HIS HOME TO DISCOVER HIS WIFE HAD
COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER BEING SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY
RUSSIAN SOLDIERS. UPON HEARING OF THE ATROCITIES
COMMITTED AGAINST JEWS AND OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS DURING
THE WAR YEARS, HE SAYS HE AND HIS COMRADES WERE DEEPLY
PAINED AND ASHAMED.

7. AS A FRONT-LINE SOLDIER MR. WAEGLER SAYS HE HAD
ACCESS TO VERY LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS IN
OTHER LOCATIONS, AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE HEARD RUMORS
CONCERNING THE TOTENKOPF DIVISION, HIS OWN ROLE WAS
STRICTLY THAT OF A COMBAT SOLDIER IN A UNIT THAT WAS
CONTINUALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE LOCATIONS WHERE THEY
WERE MOST NEEDED. HE REITERATED THAT THE UNIT WAS VERY
STRICTLY DISCIPLINED.

8. MR. WAEGLER SERVED AS ADJUTANT IN 1943-44 AND
COMPANY COMMANDER OF A HEAVY INFANTRY COMPANY OF 60 TO
80 MEN IN 1945. DURING THE ARDENNES OFFENSIVE, HE
REMEMBERS, HIS COMPANY COMMANDER'S NAME WAS KNITTEL.
IN GREECE AND RUSSIA, HIS DIVISION COMMANDER WAS MAYER
AND THE LEIBSTANDARTE CHEF WAS DIETRICH.

9. HE MARRIED HIS SECOND WIFE HANNE-LORE HANOLDT IN

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1946. HE LIVED IN WEST BERLIN AND LATER IN WILLICH IN WEST GERMANY. HE WAS NEVER ACCUSED OF ANY WAR CRIMES AND SAYS HE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH THE RUSSIAN BORDER GUARDS WHEN TRAVELING IN EAST GERMANY. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS OF COURSE ASHAMED NOT TO HAVE REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE THIRD REICH, BUT HE WAS A COMBAT SOLDIER AND WAS NOT PERSONALLY GUILTY OF UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BONN 31604

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